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1. IN HIS DEC 14 SPEECH TO FEDERAL ASSEMBLY (PARLIAMENT)
LAYING OUT GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL
ALSO REVIEWED CSSR FOREIGN RELATIONS. HE BROKE NO NEW
GROUND, BUT FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE OF INTEREST.

2. COMMUNIST WORLD: AFTER USUAL OBEIZANCES TO
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"BROTHERLY COOPERATION OF COUNTRIES OFFSOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH",
UNITY OF IDEOLOGY, FAITHFULLNESS TO PRINCIPLES OF PRO-
LETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, ETC., STROUGAL DIVIDED COM-
MUNIST WORLD INTO CATEGORIES. FIRST CAME "FRIENDS" WITH
WHOM RELATIONS ARE BASED ON ABOVE PRINCIPLES -- WARSAW
PACT MEMBERS PLUS MONGOLIA AND CUBA. NEXT, HE EXPRESSED

SATISFACTION AT DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CSSR AND YUGOSLAVIA. THEN HE SAID CSSR IS "OPENING NEW CHAPTER" OF COOPERATION WITH UNITE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, CONTINUING ITS COOPERATION WITH NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORT FOR LATTER'S EFFORTS TO UNITE KOREA, AND DEVELOPING FRUITFUL TIES WITH PDR OF LAOS, "WHICH HAS ENTERED ON ROAD OF BUILDING SOCIALISM." STROUGAL WENT ON: "WE AGAIN PROCLAIM OUR INTEREST IN NORMALIZING STATE RELATIONS "WITH PRC, "ABOVE ALL ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS." HE CONCLUDED LISTING BY SAYING: "ON OUR SIDE ALSO NOTHING PREVENTS POSITIVE CHANGES IN TIES WITH ALBANIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC."

3. CAPITALIST WORLD: STROUGAL SPOKE OF 20 HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DURING PAST YEAR AND NOTED CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCE, FINLAND, AUSTRIA, TURKEY, CYPRUS AND GREECE. HE SAID DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH FRG HAD RECENTLY BEEN MARRED BY NEGATIVE ACTS (READ "NON-RETURN OF SKYJACKERS"), BUT EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT OBJECTIVE INTEREST IN NEIGHBORLY COOPERATION WOULD "OVERCOME HARMFUL MANEUVERS OF ENEMIES OF DETENTE." HE SCOLDED US AT SOME LENGTH FOR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CSSR (READ "NO MFN") AND FAILURE TO ARRANGE RETURN OF CZECH GOLD (DETAILS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT IN REFTEL).

4. THIRD WORLD: STROUGAL RECOUNTED PAST SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN INDO CHINA, ANGOLA, AND MOZAMBIQUE AND CURRENT SUPPORT FOR PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND CHILE. ADDRESSING MIDDLE EAST HE DEMANDED WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, ENSURING OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING RIGHT TO FORM INDEPENDENT STATE, AND SAFEGUARDING OF INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL STATES IN REGION; HE ALSO CASTIGATED "INTRIGUES OF WORLD REACTION" WHICH HINDER RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

5. EUROPEAN MATTERS: STROUGAL DUTIFULLY PRAISED WARSAW PACT BUCHAREST INITIATIVES TO SKIES AND TIED THEM IN WITH PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE 77.
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